

November 28, 2005

Ms. Kathleen Connell
c/o Ms. Mary Ellen Padilla
6380 Wilshire Boulevard, # 1612
Los Angeles, CA 90048

RE: Acknowledgment of Return of Contributions Made in the Name of Another and
Compliance with California Government Code § 85701

Dear Ms. Connell:

We are in receipt of your payment in the amount of \$22,000. This letter will serve as acknowledgment from the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission that you are in compliance with your duty under California Government Code § 85701¹ to repay \$22,000 in contributions made in the name of another to your former controlled committee, Kathleen Connell for Mayor, to the General Fund of the state.

As we informed you in our prior communications, in five separate cases prosecuted by the Los Angeles Ethics Commission earlier this year, individuals admitted to making 19 contributions in the name of another to Kathleen Connell for Mayor during your campaign for Mayor of Los Angeles. The aggregate dollar amount of these contributions was \$22,000.

Upon contact by the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission informing you that you were in receipt of these contributions and advising you of your duty to repay them, you promptly made the required payment in full. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that contributions that are illegally made are returned to the General Fund of the state as required by law.

¹ Section 85701 states that "Any candidate or committee that receives a contribution in violation of Section 84301 shall pay to the General Fund of the state the amount of the contribution." Section 84301 states that "No contribution shall be made, directly or indirectly, by any person in a name other than the name by which such person is identified for legal purposes."

This matter will appear as an “informational item” only on the agenda of the next meeting of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (916) 322-5660.

Sincerely,

Amanda H. Saxton
Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division